

## REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

## Amrit Mahal Department.

READ—

Report on the working of the Amrit Mahal Department, during the year 1924-25, received with letter No. Per. 27—25-26, dated 13th November 1925, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore.

ORDER No. I. C. 3839—A. M. 22-25-6, DATED 4TH DECEMBER 1925.

Recorded.

2. The number of cattle in the several herds of the Amrit Mahal cattle decreased during the year from 8,040 to 6,532. The number of births recorded during the year was 772 as against 1,124 during the previous year and 1,107 during 1922-23. The number of cows of calf-bearing age should have been furnished as well as the percentage of birth-rate calculated on that basis. Information under this head should be invariably included in the annual reports of the Department. There were 870 deaths reported during the year under review as against 1,248 deaths (revised figure) during the previous year and 549 during 1922-23. Out of the 870 deaths reported for the year 1924-25, 203 deaths were found to be false and not proved. There were outbreaks of rinderpest in six herds. Values were assessed during the year and cattle falsely reported to have died or to have been missing. The Director of Agriculture is requested to investigate into the causes of the fall in the birth-rate and the increase in the death-rate among Amrit Mahal cattle in recent years.

3. Seven hundred and forty-eight heads of cattle were sold for Rs. 48,433 against 679 for Rs. 41,150 during the previous year, the average price realised per head being Rs. 64-12-0 against Rs. 60-6-0 in the year 1923-24.

4. A small area of 50 acres from Nadehavinapura in Kunigal Taluk was surrendered to the Revenue Department during the year.

5. There was a steady increase under all important heads of the revenue from the Department. Income from the sale of Amrit Mahal cattle increased from Rs. 41,150 to Rs. 48,433 and that from the disposal of grazing rights in the Kavals from Rs. 18,025 to Rs. 24,908 during the year.

6. The demand for the year amounted to Rs. 1,08,543. Arrears due to the Department amounting to Rs. 44,397 are pending recovery. Government have since issued revised rules for the collection of arrears due to the Department. Prompt and effective steps should be taken to recover the heavy arrears at an early date.

7. The question of reorganising the Department in order to improve its working and to enable the better exploitation of the Kavals as also the question of giving certain powers under the Forest Regulation to Amrit Mahal Officers in the Amrit Mahal Kavals is engaging the attention of Government.

8. It is satisfactory to notice that the net income from the Department has increased by 318 per cent during the last 4 years, that is, from Rs. 17,678 in 1920-21 to Rs. 56,305 in 1924-25.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,

Secretary to Government,  
Revenue Department.

## Amildars' Diaries.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 2836—L. R. 155-23-4, dated 18th December 1923, prescribing a revised form of diary of Amildars and directing that the Amildars should submit their diaries in future not later than the 10th of the month following.

2. Letter No. C. 923—25-26, dated 20th October 1925, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending that the date of submission of Amildars' diaries by the Sub-Division Officers to the Deputy Commissioners may be changed from 10th to 15th of each month, so that they may have time to scrutinise these diaries before submission to the Deputy Commissioners.

ORDER No. R. 2926—L. R. 186-25-2, DATED 7TH DECEMBER 1925.

The Revenue Commissioner's recommendation is approved.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,

Secretary to Government,  
Revenue Department.

**Gardens Department.**

READ—

The Administration Report of the Government Gardens Department for the year 1924-25, received with letter No. 658, dated the 20th November 1925, from the Superintendent, Government Gardens.

ORDER No. I. C. 3895—A. & E. 166-25-3, DATED 7TH DECEMBER 1925.

Recorded.

2. There was a delay of nearly three months in the submission of this report. Such delays should be avoided in future.

3. Mr. G. H. Krumbiegel was in charge of the Department during the year under report, except for two months and seven days when Mr. H. C. Javaraya officiated as Superintendent of Government Gardens. Orders were issued, during the year under review, revising the establishment of the Gardens Department. The total receipts and expenditure of the Department (excluding the Museum) were Rs. 16,074 and Rs. 1,06,672-14-4, respectively; as against Rs. 15,542 and Rs. 1,24,686 during the previous year.

4. Important additions were made to the collection of economic plants, chiefly by exchanges with important botanical and horticultural institutions. Several plants yielding drugs, oils, fodders, timber and green manure were newly introduced and new economic plants were propagated on a large scale.

5. Scientific work was carried on as usual and numerous plants of horticultural interest were introduced. Shrubs, ornamental trees, palms and avenue trees were propagated and a number of plants out of the recent introductions were acclimatized.

6. Town planning and Architectural work was also done, the total number of designs disposed of during the year being 76.

7. There was a slight increase in the number of visitors to the Nandi Hill Station, there being 581 visitors during the year as against 558 in the previous year. The total expenditure on the Hill Station amounted to Rs. 8,003 and the receipts to Rs. 2,724. Government have since issued orders about the measures to be adopted for improving the Hill Station and for making known its advantages as a health resort; and they trust that in the coming years, there will be an increase in the number of visitors to the Station and an appreciable improvement in its financial results.

8. Government note that the work of the Department during the year was satisfactory.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,

*Secretary to Government,  
Revenue Department.*

**FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.****Report on the working of the Government Savings Banks.**

READ—

Letter No. 85—S. B., dated 9th November 1925, from the Comptroller, submitting the report on the working of Government Savings Banks in 1924-25.

ORDER No. FL. 3203-12—G. E. 102-25-2, DATED 8TH DECEMBER 1925.

The number of accounts—current and dead—increased from 48,081 in 1923-24 to 48,812 in the year under report. The aggregate balance of all the accounts on the 30th June 1925 was Rs. 1,18,63,702 as against Rs. 1,02,57,830 on the 30th June 1924. Government are glad to note these satisfactory features.

2. The number of accounts having balances of and above Rs. 5,000 is reported to have increased from 280 to 401 and the total balance of these accounts from about Rs. 50 lakhs to Rs. 68 lakhs. These accounts include the balances of Railway cesses on which the Savings Bank rate of interest is allowed and the Comptroller is requested to separate them in the future reports so that the calculation of the average balance at the credit of each account may be based on deposits made by the public and exclude special deposits on behalf of funds.